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THE NEWPORT MERCURY was established in June, 1788, and is now in its one hundred and twenty-fifth year. It is the oldest newspaper in the Union, and, with less than half a dozen exceptions, the oldest printed in the English language. It is a large quarto weekly of fifty-six columns filled with interesting reading—editorial, State, local and general news, well-selected miscellany and a valuable farm and household department. Teaching to many households in this and other States, the limited space given to advertising is very valuable to business men.

Local Matters.

In Memoriam.
The mournful tolling of the Channing Memorial chimes, late on Thursday evening, was the first intimation to our community that one of its most widely known and deeply beloved members, the donor to the church of those very chimes, had ended her gentle, beneficent life.

Mrs. Ann M. Smith, wife of Alfred Smith, was the daughter of Allen Talbot of Dighton, where she was born on the 17th day of April, 1820, and was thus at the time of her death something less than sixty-four years old. The family removed to Providence where she was married, and thence that event has made her home in Newport. She leaves a husband and four children and a number of grandchildren to deplore her loss and treasure her gracious memory. Mrs. Smith was a woman of refinement and character, whose life was spent in doing good. Probably no single person in our community was so consistently occupied with deeds of friendship and charity. Her slight figure and pure, sweet face as she went about the city at all hours and in all weathers on missions of reconciliation and good-will. She had a genius for sympathy. Her love for her fellow-beings was as ardent and inexhaustible as the heat of the sun. In time of trouble she was an angel of comfort; she relieved the distressed, and had a word of tenderness for the outcast and the bad. Now that she is gone, hundreds in our midst will feel that they have lost their most sympathizing friend and helper. The humblest of women, she shrank from publicity or even private recognition of her bounty. Nobody ever had a greater power of self-effacement. Her last act on earth was to relieve the distress of the sufferers by flood at the West. A loyal help-meet, a mother blessed in her children's love. She never failed in her home duty, and yet found—because she sought—abundant opportunities for a larger helpfulness to her kind.

In her death the Channing Memorial Church suffers the most severe loss, next to the late removal of its revered pastor, the Rev. Chas. T. Brooks, which it has met with in its history. She was the soul of its charity, the center of its hospitalities. A constant church-goer; to behold her salutary face at the service was to many of her fellow-worshippers to feel a sermon and a prayer. Her Christianity was after the pattern of the Mount. In thought and word and deed a humble disciple of the great teacher; like him she went about doing good; like him she bore the crosses which life brought her with meek resignation, and died leaving an example that we should follow in her steps.

At her funeral service, which takes place to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the Channing Memorial church, many of her friends will doubtless be present in person, and all in spirit, to unite in tributes of affection and the utterances of words for hope.

Washington Commandery Social.

The social given by Washington Commandery, No. 4, K. T., in Masonic Hall, last Friday evening, was a complete and gratifying success. There were some two hundred and fifty persons present, and all apparently enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The early part of the evening was devoted to a literary entertainment, which consisted of several excellent readings by Miss Minerva E. Gay, of Fall River; several solos excellently rendered by Mrs. W. H. Stetson and William Carr, and quartettes by Mrs. Stetson and Miss Goffe, Messrs. Frank and Carry. Each part was performed to the entire acceptance of the audience. At ten o'clock came supper, and after that dancing, which took up the remainder of the evening. The Newport orchestra, Prof. Mathers, enlivened the occasion with their fine music.

Real Estate Sales.

John S. Langley has quitclaimed a parcel of land on the north side of Franklin street, adjoining land of Joseph M. Hammett on the west, to Oreston G. Langley and Henry R. Thayer, who have quitclaimed a lot of land adjoining the same, to John S. Langley on the same terms.

Bernard and Mary Golden have sold 7610 square feet of land with buildings on East Bowery street, to Timothy O'Shea for \$1, etc.

Mr. A. G. Spangler, the city time-keeper, has given the State House clock a thorough overhauling and cleaning, and that thitherto questionable time-piece now runs within two seconds a week of absolute correctness. Mr. Spangler receives Cambridge time every day by telegraph, and the alarm struck by the State House clock at 12 and 6 o'clock, strikes a gong in his store, so that any discrepancy in the time is promptly noticed.

Mr. Albert G. White, a well-known citizen, died at his residence on Bull street last Sunday morning, in the 88th year of his age. He had been for several years a sufferer from Bright's disease. His funeral was solemnized from his late residence Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended by relatives and friends.

THE POLO TOURNAMENT.

An Exciting Contest—The '83s Defeat the Pythians and Win their First League Game—Excellent Playing on Both Sides.

The first of the league polo games in which Newport is especially interested, was played at the Olympian Club Hotel in this city Tuesday evening, between the Newport '83s and the Pythians of Chelsea, Mass. Owing to the severe snow storm which prevailed throughout the evening, and the fact that the flood-sufferers' benefit at the Opera House occurred the same night, the attendance was only fair. By request of some of our citizens who wished to attend the entertainment early in the evening, the games which had been advertised to be given at 8 o'clock, were postponed until 9:30, at which time the floor was cleared of skaters and put in readiness for the contest. A further delay of half an hour was then caused by certain objections on the part of the visitors to the rollers used by the '83s, and it was about ten o'clock when the teams made their appearance on the floor.

Both teams were neatly uniformed, and the impatient audience received them with loud cheers. The men hardly took their places, and at twelve minutes past 10 o'clock the umpire blew his signal for the start. The ball was driven backwards and forwards across the hall, and was only kept from going between the stakes on either side a score of times by the promptness and skill of the goals and goal covers. After 17 minutes and 30 seconds of intense excitement, just as the audience were coming to the conclusion that it must be a draw, Buffum got in one of his powerful strokes and sent the ball through the Pythians' goal with lightning rapidity. The second game, also by Buffum, was won in one minute. This was two games for the '83s, and the Pythians entered on the third, with a determination not to be whitewashed. This game lasted 22 minutes and 18 seconds, and called out all the skill and science of both teams. The goal was finally won, however, by Buffum, and the contest was declared in favor of the Newport team amid the cheers of all present.

Both teams are composed of excellent players, but the '83s are undoubtedly the best systematized, and play into each other's hands to good advantage. Following are the names of those taking part in the contest:

Newport '83s—L. K. Carr, Captain; E. Buffum, H. Bliss, H. O. Stevens, Jr., J. D. Richardson, Jr., Max Muschinger, E. S. Burdick, goal.

Pythians—W. F. Taylor, Captain; F. E. Powell, C. E. Fraker, H. Carter, E. O. Tucker, M. L. Hallen, O. T. Baker, goal.

Referee—C. W. Kluskey of Brockton.

The next game to be played here will occur next Thursday evening between the Newport '83s and the Brocktons of Brockton, Mass., where a lively contest may be expected. This is the team which won two out of the five goals with the Boston last Tuesday evening, and which has taken exceptions to the referee's decision on the third.

The Newport '83s play the Marlboroughs at Marlboro, Mass., next Wednesday evening.

Just Like Him.

[From the Providence Press.]

At the last annual meeting of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association, Mr. Wm. H. Cotton, of Newport, was elected its president, and it was soon evident to the members present that the right man was in the right place. After the retirement of his predecessor in office he addressed the association in a short but earnest speech, and he has since demonstrated that he could work as well as talk, for through his efforts a great interest has been aroused among the pharmacists of this State, and already upwards of 50 registered pharmacists and registered assistant pharmacists have applied for membership. In a short visit to Woonsocket, every eligible pharmacist and assistant gave him an application. The Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association is composed of the best informed and most practical pharmacists in the State. Under its auspices interesting and practical lectures have been delivered by professors from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and an opportunity is given annually for instruction in chemistry, at a trifling expense, for the benefit of those who are ambitious to pass a successful examination before the state board of pharmacy, and its prospects for accomplishing much for the benefit of the pharmacist and the public was never brighter.

Masonic Election.

At the annual convocation of Newport Royal Arch Chapter No. 2, the following officers were elected:

W. E. H. P.—Ridgworth H. Tilley.
Excellent King—Geo. P. Leonard.
Excellent Scribe—Stephen E. Sears.
Treasurer—John G. Hill.
Secretary—R. E. A. Hildreth.
Chaplain—E. Overton G. Langley.
C. of H.—William W. Marvel.
P. S.—Rufus E. Darrah.
R. A. C.—Wm. J. Huntington.
M. of 3d V.—Nash Butte.
M. of 2d V.—David M. Coggeshall, Jr.
M. of 1st V.—Henry E. Barvard.
Sentinel—Geo. W. Tew.

The election was presided over by R. E. Andrew T. Wood, and the officers were installed by Past Grand High Priest John P. Sanborn, assisted by E. Overton G. Langley, and R. E. Andrew T. Wood.

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HONORING THE BRAVE.

The Officers and Crew of Revenue Cutter Dexter Received Testimonials to their Bravery in the Presence of a Large and Enthusiastic Audience Wednesday Evening.

The citizens' mass meeting for the purpose of presenting to the officers and crew of the Samuel Dexter, testimonials of appreciation of their noble conduct at the recent Gay Head disaster, was held in the Opera House Wednesday evening. The audience attending was large and enthusiastic, and represented most of the leading families of the city. The stage was profusely decorated with tropical plants, callas, etc., and the deck in the centre of the stage, on which the testimonials were arranged, was covered with a flag of the revenue service. A flag of this service also hung from the upper box on the left of the stage, while the Union flag occupied a similar position opposite.

Shortly after eight o'clock the officers and crew of the Dexter marched on to the stage, escorted by Collector Cuzzone, and took seats on the left of the deck and much cheering and stamping by the audience. The stage, on the right of the deck, was occupied by prominent gentlemen, among whom were Ex-Governor Van Zandt, Ex-Lieut. Governor Fay, Mayor Franklin, Ex-Mayor Sewing, Postmaster Coggeshall, Col. Landers of the Governor's Staff, Col. J. H. Fowler, Rev. C. W. Wendte, Forest F. Emerson, M. Van Horn, J. E. Cooper, and Warren Randolph, D. D., Col. Elliott, Col. Lawrence, L. D. Davis, F. G. Harris, Judge Baker, Commander A. D. Brown, Lieut. McLean, Reynolds, Greens and Rich and Paymaster Farley, U. S. N., J. M. Drake, etc.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Frank G. Harris as secretary, who introduced Ex-Governor Van Zandt as chairman. Rev. Forest F. Emerson then made an excellent prayer, after which the Secretary read letters of regret from the following gentlemen who were unable to attend: Governor A. O. Bourn, Lieut. Governor O. J. Rathbun, Secretary of State, J. M. Adlam, Capt. E. O. Matthews, of the New Hampshire, Rev. Geo. J. Magill, Rev. Joseph Hollinghead, Hon. Wm. P. Sheffield, and Mayor Thomas A. Doyle of Providence. Governor Van Zandt then addressed the large audience, reading in eloquent language the incidents of the terrible wreck of the City of Columbus, and pictured in glowing colors the noble, self-sacrificing heroism of the officers and crew upon his life at the scene of that awful disaster. He pictured the great ship Columbus, coming down the coast with its cargo of sleeping men, women and children, and followed the little Dexter, which he likened to a cockle-shell scarcely large enough for a bantling on the bosom of Old Neptune, as it bore his brave crew, impelled by some mysterious influence, through rolling and trembling waters to Gay Head, where the great ship lay dying upon the rocks. The scene which followed was then graphically described by the speaker. "One of the officers placed a rope around his body and swam to the wreck. Half frozen, he returned and again went. Half frozen and yet, to night he sits here as modest as if he never knew the perils of the sea. Every man on the cutter merits all praise, for his noble conduct, and I believe any one of them would do the same as did Lieutenant Rhodes if he had the opportunity." The speaker closed his remarks by calling upon ex-Lieutenant Governor H. H. Fay.

Mr. Fay spoke briefly upon the incidents which had called forth this public demonstration. He did not consider it by mere accident that the cutter Dexter was at Gay Head, but that it was there on a common or in performance of a duty common to the service. It was an occasion that demanded heroism and it found those officers and men ready for that occasion. He congratulated the gentlemen upon the noble heroism displayed by them off Gay Head, and thanked them for the glorious example for duty, and closed by saying: "If the citizens accept this noble lesson you will have contributed toward a successful government of the people, for the people and by the people."

Rev. C. W. Wendte was the next speaker, and he delivered an able and eloquent address, showing the good work of the revenue service in saving life and property, not only in this special instance, but at all times, and earnestly recommended that the government be urged to place the officers of this service on a level with those of the navy, so far as rank, pay and pension are concerned. Life-saving stations, said the speaker, are not confined to the little boats scattered along our coasts, but they float upon the Atlantic, and should be in every harbor in the land, and be thanked the brave officers and crew of the Dexter for their noble example showing this fact. He spoke of the tributes of regard and affection evinced by these brave gentlemen, which came from all sections, and said that if they survived these honors and accolades, retaining their modesty, as he was sure they would, they will have added another leaf to their laurels.

Mr. L. D. Davis followed Mr. Wendte in a brief but very pleasing address, appropriate to the occasion. He said he was proud of his adopted city and of the honor of being present on such an occasion. It was not the first meeting of the kind, however, which he had attended in Newport. He remembered, as he knew many others present must, a like meeting many years ago, which had been called to do honor to Ida Lewis for her many deeds of bravery in saving life. Other occasions, showing the readiness of Newport citizens to recognize bravery and honor, were referred to by the speaker, and he was pleased to see such a representative gathering on this evening.

The Secretary read a copy of the engraved resolutions which contained the names of all who were on board the Dexter on the day when such good work was done off Gay Head, and as each name was pronounced the audience applauded.

His Honor Mayor Franklin, in behalf of the men and women of this municipality, then presented to Captain Gabrielson, and through him, to his officers and crew, the engraved testimonials, in a pleasant and appropriate address. To this distinguished officer made a brief but feeling reply, thanking the citizens in behalf of his command,

for their resolutions and compliments. He said that his men all did their duty promptly and bravely, but had no doubt others would have done the same under similar circumstances.

One of the testimonials, which had been neatly framed, was then presented to the captain by Ex-Governor Van Zandt to be kept on board the Dexter, after which the chairman announced that the exercises would close with a selection from the orchestra. This announcement called forth many shouts of "Bravo! Bravo!" from the audience, and that here arose and bowed his acknowledgments amid great applause. The meeting, which had been a complete success, closed about ten o'clock with everybody well pleased with what they had seen and heard.

Bands of Mercy.

To the Editor of the Mercury:—
"I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage."

Such is the only pledge of the "Bands of Mercy" that are being rapidly inaugurated both in the schools of America and England. Short as is the text, the words embody the principle of almost every virtue belonging to morals and religion, and if the idea involved could be carried out in our public schools universally, as was first suggested in the United States Senate by the late Gen. Ambrose E. Buttrick, it is my confident belief that its effect as a preventive of savagery and crime on the rising generations would be greater than is exerted by all our criminal laws and penitentiaries combined ten-fold. I saw an extract from an English paper giving the rounds, where it is stated that out of seven thousand children that had been educated in one school in England under this simple pledge, and had entered upon manhood and womanhood, not one had ever been convicted of crime.

It is but a few weeks since that Mr. J. Ernest Lester's attention happened to be turned to the subject, when he became so interested that he at once set about inaugurating "Bands of Mercy" in the schools of the town of Johnston, R. I. (where he resides), with the following effect as embodied in an extract from a letter he has recently received from him:—"Very many thanks for your appreciative letter, which upon my return I had upon my desk. An encouraging word in life helps much to promote a good work and sometimes furnishes incentive which brings success. To-day we have twelve fully organized 'Bands of Mercy' in our town, and a recorded membership of over five hundred children. Already parents and teachers note the good results in more many, more gentle behavior on the part of the boys and girls."

I trust Mr. Lester will not relax his effort in the grandly good work until every school in his county (Providence) is organized into a "Band of Mercy," and that at least one "Lester" will be found in each county in the State to follow in his footsteps.

Geo. T. Angell, President of Parent American Band of Mercy, office of "Our Dumb Animals," 38 Tremont St., Boston, Mass., is the proper person to correspond with on the subject, who "bonds without cost to every person in the world who asks, full information about our "Bands of Mercy."

Yours truly,
THOS. R. HAZARD.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12, 1884.

DEATH OF THEODORE ALMY.

A Newport Man is Fatally Assailed in Boston.

Mr. Theodore Almy of this city died at the City Hospital in Boston, Sunday afternoon, from wounds which he received at the hands of roughs on Cross street in that city the Thursday night before. According to the accounts of the affair given in Boston papers, Mr. Almy was there in search of work and had been lodging at the Sailors' Home in North Square for about a week; that on the night of the assault he had lost his way and asked a couple of strangers to direct him to his lodging house, when instead of complying with his request, they pounced upon him, cutting and bruising him severely. Evidently believing himself less severely injured than he was, his wounds were neglected until Sunday morning, when he was found on Fulton street in a suffering condition. He lived but a short time after being removed to the hospital.

The remains were brought to Newport Tuesday evening, and buried Wednesday, the funeral being solemnized from the residence of his brother, Mr. Abram Almy, on Broadway.

The deceased was well known here, where he leaves a widowed mother, two brothers, Abram and Samuel S., and a sister, Mrs. Alex. N. Barker, who with many friends deeply mourn his untimely end.

A Pleasant Gathering.

An exceedingly interesting entertainment was given at the Central Baptist Church, Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Young People's Union, Mr. Wm. P. Carr presiding. Rev. Warren Randolph, D. D., pastor of the church, offered the closing prayer, and made brief but interesting remarks upon the social and religious advantages of such gatherings. The entertainment closed with the serving of an excellent collation of cakes and chocolate. Following is the musical programme of the evening:

1. Overture—"Stratella." Flauto.
2. Chorus of "Hells in Paradise," from "Paradise and the Peri." Schumann.
3. March in B Minor; Messrs. Scott and Langley.
4. A Bridal Chorus—"Lobengrin." Wagner.
5. Overture—"Caliph of Bagdad." Boildieu.

The Fire Tuesday Morning.

Shortly after half-past twelve o'clock Tuesday morning fire was discovered in the cellar under the grocery store of ex-Alderman John H. Crosby, Jr., on Bellevue avenue. An alarm was struck from box 4 and the fire which had not got fully underway was soon extinguished. The discovery of the fire was only just in time however, as two large tanks containing ten or a dozen barrels of oil had already ignited. The fire is supposed to have originated in a wooden spittoon in the office, burning through the floor.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Fifth Week.

The law makers of the State commenced their fifth week of arduous labor on Tuesday.

Senator Seabury presented a petition of L. D. Davis et al. for an act incorporating the Connecticut Telegraph and Telephone Company. Also, the petition of Joseph P. Cotton et al. for an act to incorporate the Newport Horse Railroad Company. Senator Cottrell, of Jamestown, from the Joint committee on Rogers' Act, reported as truly and rightly engrossed an act incorporating the Cigar Makers Protective and Benevolent Union, No. 94, of Pawtucket.

In the House Mr. Sheffield presented the petition of the Newport Water Works for amendment of charter. The amendment seeks an increase of capital stock to a sum not exceeding \$750,000. Mr. Sheffield presented a petition of L. H. Humphrey for an amendment of chapter 242 of the Public Statutes. The intent of the bill is to protect hotel, boarding-house and restaurant keepers against pests, and imposing a penalty of \$100 for refusal to pay for food, lodging, credit or other accommodation, or to be imprisoned not exceeding twenty days. The superintending removal of innkeepers shall be considered as prima facie evidence of intent to defraud.

Mr. Woods introduced a bill in amendment of chapter 83 "Of the State Board of Health." The bill sets forth in the first section that no sewage, drainage, refuse, or polluting matter of such kind, or amount as either by itself or in connection with other matter will corrupt, render impure, create an offensive odor to or from any water, or be injurious to the public health or interfere with the public comfort, shall be thrown, poured or discharged into, or be permitted to flow into, any river or stream flowing into or within or through the city of Providence, or into any pond within said city, or into any water used for the purpose of domestic water supply within this State. The second section provides that the State Board of Health shall have the general supervision of all the rivers, streams, ponds and water mentioned in the preceding section as respects their purity and condition for use for domestic purposes and their odor and condition as affecting the public from time to time and inquire what pollutions exist on their courses.

The day in the Senate the day was taken up discussing a bill of \$200 of E. S. Hopkins for services as Assistant Attorney General while Col. Cook was out of the State. The bill was outvoted on a 15 to 10 and passed by one majority. The House passed the bill providing for a State Board of Valuation composed of one from each of the counties, who should report a new State valuation previous to 1885. This board to be elected by the General Assembly.

Gov. Van Zandt introduced the "Terminal Facilities" bill of the City Council which was on his motion referred to a joint special committee. This is the bill adopted by the City Council of Providence, in order to provide better terminal facilities for the several railroads centering there. This is probably the most important measure that will be acted upon by the General Assembly this winter.

Thursday the Senate passed the bill prohibiting the raking of fish in a gill or mesh net within one mile of Block Island, between the first of June and the first of November, without first obtaining permission from the town of New Shoreham. Senator Seabury presented a petition of Edward Metcalf et al., representing the Rhode Island Temperance Union, for an act providing for instruction in the public schools of the State upon hygiene and physiology as showing the effects of alcoholic stimulants upon the human system.

In the House the Speaker appointed as members of the joint special committee on Terminal Facilities for Providence Messrs. Van Zandt, Pendleton, Ballou of Providence, Collins of North Providence, and Brown of Providence. Sundry remonstrances against the proposed bill were received. Two or three new liquor bills were introduced. Mr. Bull, of Middletown, introduced a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$600 to each of the following named societies, to be devoted to premiums at fairs and exhibitions: Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry, Aquidneck, Washington county, and Woonsocket Agricultural Societies, and \$300 for the Rhode Island Horticultural Society. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A New Boat House.

Messrs. A. G. Greene & Son, turners on Church street, are engaged in getting out material for a new building to be erected for Mr. Edwin Booth, on the shore just north-east of his cottage on Indian avenue. It is to be a boat-house, bath-house and summer-house combined, and will be the most elaborate structure of the kind to be seen anywhere on this coast. It is to be of Queen Anne architecture, 21x53 feet, with broad piazzas on three sides. The street front will be one-and-a-half stories, with a handsome octagonal tower, while on the water side will be an eight feet basement for the reception of boats. This basement, or room, or boat-house, is made in the solid rock. The house is to be built by Mr. E. T. Peckham from plans drawn by Mr. Geo. A. Greene, of the firm of A. G. Greene & Son.

Mr. Peckham is also building a substantial sea wall of about 500 feet on the premises, and many other improvements are being made, all of which are to be completed by the first of June.

What Does this Mean?

[From the Providence Press.]
The Hon. Henry J. Spooner had better look out for his nomination for congress at the end of the present term. The Journal is working the tail end of the senator district of Rhode Island for all its worth to secure the election of its plans for terminal improvements by the general assembly. Some members of that body, it should be remembered, yearn to go to congress.

THE FLOOD SUFFERERS' BENEFIT.

An Excellent Entertainment for those Attending and \$400 for the Sufferers.

The benefit to the Western flood sufferers given at the Opera House Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Unity Club of Channing Memorial church proved successful beyond expectation. The house was filled to overflowing with an appreciative audience, and the entertainment being well worth the price of admission, everybody enjoyed it and were more than pleased with the result. The exercises consisted of music by the New Hampshire Band, Professor McQuow; readings by Miss Charlotte M. Wayland and Mr. Sidney Woollett; three excellent selections by some twenty-eight of the Newport Choral Society, and closed with the comedietta, "The Sleeping Car," most excellently rendered by members of the Bellevue Dramatic Club.

The gross receipts for the evening were \$405, and as the Opera House, the lighting, printing, advertising, and services of all concerned were donated free of charge, the whole amount was turned over in the object for which the entertainment was given.

Newport Talent Abroad.

[From the Providence Journal.]
The hackman about the depot, especially those employed by the Billings Brothers, are much interested in the recent debut of one of their number, James Tennant by name, better known as "Doc," as a "concert player." Tennant made his first appearance at the Dime Museum one evening last week, and was very favorably received. The noteworthy feature of his "concert playing" as it is called, is the fact that he uses no concert, nor indeed any instrument but his mouth and lips. His imitation of the cornet, however, is complete, and really a remarkable talent. He has followed the business of hack-driving for several years, having lately come to this city from Newport. He has amused his companions from time to time by his unique musical ability, but as he is naturally modest it is only lately, and by the efforts of his Providence friends, that he has been brought to public notice. Good fortune, like misfortune, often comes all at once, and Tennant is floundering it so, for lately he has had several flustering offers, one from New York city to travel as one of the attractions in a curiosity and prodigy combination.

The Weather.

Last night closed a month of exceedingly unpleasant weather, fog, rain and snow being the prevailing elements. The streets in the city and the roads out on the island have been in horrible condition, the latter in many instances being almost impassable. It cleared, however, Thursday; the wind came round to the west, and during the night the thermometer dropped to within five degrees of zero. The barometer also went down to 29.5 Thursday night, which is the lowest point it was ever known to reach here. This February went out and March came in, cold but clear, which at least is an improvement to what we have been having.

THE WILD NEW ENGLAND COAST.

First Lecture by Prof. French.

On Wednesday evening next Mr. Harry W. French will commence his series of four illustrated lectures in the Opera House. The first lecture will be the "Wild New England Coast," from Campbell, the outpost at the Northern extremity of the coast of Maine, to Cape Ann, and a summer ramble on the old highway from Concord to Boston, showing the haunts and homes of Emerson, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Whittier, Holmes, and many other objects of interest.

Prof. French has lectured here before and is well and favorably known to our people. The tickets are now for sale at the Opera House.

Concerning Ants.

The closing lecture in the Unity Club course at the Channing Church was given, Wednesday evening, by Prof. Woods of England. As a public lecturer, to interest a miscellaneous audience, Prof. Woods is not to be said to be a success, but as an artist on ants he is very good. His crayon portraits of these busy little creatures were true to nature, and could be readily recognized by any member of the family. He gave the audience much valuable information upon his subject, and showed that he had made a deep study of the lives and habits of man's nearest equal in the line of intelligence.

Nothing but Wind.

About half-past ten o'clock Thursday night the gardener on Lorillard's estate on Ochre Point reported to the Station House that he had just found the front doors of the Lorillard villa open. As he didn't know whether the doors were forced open by burglars or the wind, Capt. Hammond sent Officers Scott and Gillen to the place to investigate. After a thorough search; both inside the house and out, the officers decided it, must have been the wind, as nothing could be found to indicate the presence of burglars.

A petition has been sent to the General Assembly for an act to incorporate the Newport Horse Railroad Company. This new movement for a horse railroad in Newport is in different hands from what similar petitions in former times have been, and it is expected, if the charter is granted, that the company will be immediately formed, and the horse cars will be running at an early day. It is intended to start from the Midtown line and run through Broadway and Spring street to Bailey's Beach, as the main line. There will probably be other lines running to the First Beach. It is thought that such a line can be made profitable.

Gen. R. B. Beath, of Pennsylvania, the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States, will make an official visit to Rhode Island early in April. He will visit Newport first and pay his respects to Col. McMahon, the department commander for Rhode Island, and will probably be escorted to Providence by the Charles E. Lawton Post No. 3, G. A. R. of this city.

CITY BRIEFS.

Jottings of Newport and Newporters.

Hon. James M. Drake of New York has been in town this week.

A carriage painter desires a situation, see advertisement in this issue.

The new Ice Company's carts have arrived. They are very showy concerns.

Mr. Samuel P. Barger of New York will occupy "Snug Harbor" again next season.

Mr. G. W. Sherman of this city went to New York Wednesday night for a few weeks.

Mr. R. M. Hunt, Jr., of New York has been in town this week, the guest of Mr. G. M. Ostrich.

Mrs. George Ticknor and family of Boston have taken the Eyre cottage on Beach street for another season.

Mrs. L. S. Clymer of New York has rented the Butler cottage on Everett place for the coming season.

Private John Healy, 4th U. S. Artillery, has been sent to Leavenworth prison, where he will serve a term for desertion.

Mr. John L. Mott of New York will occupy Mrs. Brewster's cottage on Bellevue avenue again next season.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor who has been seriously ill at her residence in New York, is slowly improving.

The Lenten services at the various Episcopal churches have been well attended during the week.

Mr. Chas. M. Ostrich of New York has taken the Seymour cottage on Kay street for another season.

The Roman Catholic church have sent three cases and three barrels of clothing to the flood sufferers this week.

The Newport Choral Society closed its season's work with a complimentary concert in Casino Hall, Saturday evening.

Rev. E. E. Jones, of Taunton, was in town Sunday and officiated at the Thames street M. E. church, where he was formerly pastor.

All the wood work for outside decoration to the new villa being built at Holbrook, Mass., for Col. Speer, was furnished by A. G. Green & Son, of this city.

Deputy-Collector Newton has returned from his visit to Washington, Mrs. Newton will remain a few days with friends in New York.

Mr. Thomas J. Smith, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city, was in New Orleans during the carnival. He is expected home to-morrow.

A petition has been sent to the General Assembly from prominent citizens of Newport for a charter for a new gas company to be started in the city of Newport.

Col. Wm. A. Steadman, Superintendent of the Newport Gas Light Co., has been elected on the Board of Directors of the New England Gas Manufacturers' Association.

J. Nelson Howard & Co., have rented the Chandler villa on Bath Road and the Cliff to Mrs. J. V. L. Pray of Albany, N. Y., for the coming season.

W. F. Whitehouse of Chicago has rented through F. B. Porter & Co., his cottage on Rhode Island avenue to Mrs. C. Ogden McGoss of New York for the coming season.

Francis Stanhope, auctioneer, sold eleven shares of the capital stock of the Union National Bank, Wednesday, to J. S. Coggeshall, at \$96. The par value is \$90.

Poetry.

The Bridge of Prayer.

BY ELMA WHEELER.

The bridge of prayer, from heavenly heights
suspended,
Unites the earth with spirit realms in space;
The interest of these separate worlds are
blended
For those who seek to turn often toward
that place.

In troubled nights of sorrow and weeping,
When joy and hope seem sunk in dark
despair,
We still may see, above the shadowy shining,
The gleaming archway of the bridge of
prayer.

From that fair height our souls may lean
and listen
To sounds of music from the farther shore,
And through the vapors sometimes dearest
glitten
Of loved ones who have hastened on be-
fore.

And angels come from their celestial city
And meet us half way on the bridge of
prayer,
God sends them forth full of divinest pity,
To strengthen us for burdens we must bear.

O you whose feet walk in some shadowed
by-way,
Far from the scenes of pleasure and de-
light,
Still free to you hangs this suspended high-
way,
Where heavenly glories dawn upon the
sight.

And common paths glow with a grace super-
nal,
And happiness walks hand in hand with
care,
And faith becomes a knowledge fixed, eter-
nal,
For those who often seek the bridge of
prayer.

The End of the Way.

[Written by an invalid for years.]

My life is a wearisome journey,
I'm sick with the dust and the heat;
The rays of the sun beat upon me,
The briars are wounding my feet;
But the city to which I am journeying
Will more than my trials repay.

All the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.
There are so many hills to climb upward
I often am longing for rest,
But He who appoints me my path
Knows just what is useful and best;
I know in His word He has promised
That my strength shall be as my day,
And the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

He loves me too well to forsake me,
Or give me one trial too much;
All His people have been dearly purchased,
And Satan can never claim such.
By and by I shall see and praise Him,
In the city of unending day,
And the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

When the last feeble step has been taken,
And the gates of the city appear,
And the beautiful songs of the angels
Float on my listening ear—
Then all that now seems so mysterious
Will be plain and clear as the day;
Yea, the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

Though now I am footsore and weary,
I shall rest when I'm safely at home,
I know I'll receive a glad welcome,
For the Saviour himself has said "come."
So when I am weary in body
And sinking in spirit, I say,
All the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

Cooling fountains are there for the thirsty,
There are curules for those who are faint,
There are robes that are whiter and purer
Than any that fancy can paint.
Then I'll try to press hopefully onward,
Thinking often through weary days,
The toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

Selected Tale.

THE CROWNED GHOST.

It would be almost impossible to dis-
cover any one more entirely devoid of
superstition than myself. Nevertheless,
when I was seventeen years old an
event happened which caused me to
believe in a haunted life. I was
staying in Paris, at the house of my
guardian, Sir Charles C—, and
dressing for my first ball at the
English embassy. My dress, a triumph
of Parisian taste, had been fastened,
and I stood before the glass while my
maid arranged the flowers in my hair.
A splendid bouquet lay beside my
gloves and fan upon the toilet table.

"Ah, now mademoiselle is beauti-
ful!" exclaimed my maid Justine in
French, as she stepped back to survey
her work admiringly.

I blushed with pleasure. It was the
first compliment that had been paid
me, and my glass told me it was true.

"I wonder who sent me these flow-
ers?" I said, taking up the bouquet pre-
paratory to leaving the room.

"Mademoiselle will doubtless dis-
cover her admirer among her partners
tonight," was the girl's reply.

At this moment there was a knock
at the door. A telegram was handed
to me.

"Mrs. Northcote is dangerously ill,
and wishes to see her stepdaughter be-
fore she dies."

me my travelling dress. You must go
with me tonight to England."
"Mon Dieu, mademoiselle! Would
you take off that ravishing dress that
suits you so much? Would you give up
the ball?"

Once more I looked at my reflection
in the glass. Once more I took up
the railway time table to study its con-
tents. At 9 o'clock next morning there
was another train. Meditatively I
raised the bouquet to my face. Who
was it said, "The woman who hesitates
is lost?" The sweet perfume of the
flowers permeated my senses. Who
had sent them? Curiosity prevailed.

I would wait till the morning, go to the
ball, and solve the mystery. Sir
Charles and Lady C— were waiting
for me when I descended the stairs.
I did not say anything about the tele-
gram; we entered the carriage and
were driven to the Embassy.

The ball was brilliant in the ex-
treme, and I was completely intoxica-
ted with the admiration I received. "La
jolie Anglaise!" "The new debut-
tant!" was on everybody's lips. The
night was half over before I even re-
membered the avowed object of my
deferred departure for England—
namely, to discover the sender of the
flowers.

"Of what are you thinking so pro-
foundly, Miss Northcote?" asked a
gentleman, in a way that made me
start. The speaker was Mr. Weston.
He had been introduced to me a few
days before at my guardian's house.

"I was thinking of the sender of this
lovely bouquet, and wondering
who he is. See, my name, 'Nina,' is
spelt out in white violets," I answered,
holding the flowers toward him.

"I hope you were thinking kindly of
the donor?"

"Indeed I was."

"Thank you. Will you always so
think of him—of me?"

My surprise was too great to frame
an immediate reply. Besides, his man-
ner embarrassed me. It inferred so
much more than the mere words. I
danced with him more frequently than
with any one else, and found a new and
strange attraction in his presence. On
returning from the ball I told my kind
host and hostess of the telegram, and
of my determination to start for Eng-
land on the morrow.

Lady C— looked grave when she
read the message.

"You might have saved a few hours,
dear," she said.

"Only a very few. And then I
should have missed the most deligh-
ful experience of all my life," I an-
swered fervently.

"But it was a case of life and death,
my child," she added gently. And I
felt she had given me a reproof.

My trunk was soon packed by Jus-
tine, who accompanied me to England.
Sir Charles C—, as my legal guar-
dian, also insisted on going with me,
and late on the following night we
were driving through the moonless
darkness of country to Crownest. A
stately housekeeper met us in the hall.

"Miss Northcote, you come too
late," and there was more austerity
than sadness in her tone. "My dear
niece died three hours ago. If you
had left Paris last night you would
have been in time. My lady had a
communication she desired to make to
you."

"What was it?" I asked in much
distress.

"That no one will ever know in this
world," was the answer. And I felt
from that moment as though Mrs.
Stevens was my enemy.

Sir Charles C— remained at
Crownest until after the funeral.
Then, in view, he urged me to return
with him to Paris. I was bent on re-
maining a few weeks longer in the
quiet, old-fashioned house, which
now to all intents and purposes was
mine. With the exception of one
bedroom in it, a description of Crow-
nest is not necessary to the develop-
ment of my tale, but to describe that
is imperative. This room had taken
my fancy from the first. It was long
and large and low; the walls panelled
with cedar-wood. On the panels hung
framed tapestry pictures, the work of
past generations of Northcotes. The
ceiling of cedar-wood, with curiously-
carved rafters, made the walls look
even lower than they were. A time-
mellowed square of Indian carpet
covered the centre of the cedar floor
on which stood the bed—of the same
wood and richly carved—raised on a
dais. There were two windows; that
nearest the bed, a bay with diamond
panes, the hangings, similar to those
of the bed, of old-fashioned rich bro-
cade with faded pink satin linings.

On the side of the bay window near-
est the bed was fixed a modern gas-
bracket, which struck me as a strange
anomaly and the only incongruity
amid the antique surroundings. It was
in this chamber my stepmother
died, but utterly devoid of all super-
stitious weakness I decided to occupy
it myself. No sooner had my kind
guardian left Crownest than I told
Mrs. Stevens of my intention, where-
on she looked troubled, urging various
reasons why I should not do so, none
of which appeared to me of any weight.

At last she said: "It was
Mrs. Northcote's wish that that room
should not be used. She died in it."

"And do you suppose I am so fool-
ish as to be afraid to sleep there?"
I asked.

"It is not my province to suppose
anything, Miss Northcote. My late
mistress entertained the fancy, and if
you had seen her before she died it is
my belief she would have given you
her reasons herself. As it is—"

"Justine," I cried, excitedly, "bring
me my travelling dress. You must go
with me tonight to England."

"As it is, Mrs. Stevens," I an-
swered, seeing that she paused irreso-
lutely, "I am now mistress here, and
have set my heart on that particular
bedroom. Have it prepared, please,
for I wish to occupy it at once."

"As you will," she said, indifferently.
But as she turned away I caught a
peculiar look on her face, which per-
plexed as much as it annoyed me. My
belongings were promptly removed
into the coveted room, my maid, Jus-
tine, occupying a small dressing-room
adjoining, but to which there was no
through communication. The first
night of my taking possession of my
new quarters was close and oppressive,
and I remember waking to find the
scent of the cedar-wood slightly over-
powering. About midnight I rose;
threading my way across the floor with
difficulty, for the room was almost in
total darkness, I opened the nearest
window. The next night, before Jus-
tine left me, I desired her not to turn
the gas quite out. Three nights later
I again awoke with a sense of languor
and oppression. I did not want to be
at the trouble of rising to open the
window, but I looked up sleepily. The
gas beside the window gave out a
dim light; beyond it a faint moon-
beam flung across the room in
which lay the shadow of a pear tree
that grew outside close to the house.

I could trace the shadows of the
branches and the leaves, and watched
them as they flickered, stirred by the
slight wind. Keeping my eyes open
in a half-sleepy manner, as I have
said, all at once I became conscious
of seeing something else besides the
gaslight and the moonlight—some-
thing that seemed to be between the
two. It was faint and indistinct, cer-
tainly, but none the less it bore re-
semblance to a female form. The
head appeared resting on the hand,
the hair, with a ruddy gleam on it,
floated backward on the shoulder.

The rest of the figure was lost in
darkness. I was sufficiently awake to
know that it was no freak of
fancy, and yet the figure was
altogether so faintly defined and vague
in detail that before long I fell asleep
and next morning remembered it as a
dream only.

The succeeding night, however, I
again awoke and on opening my eyes
beheld the self-same figure. But this
time it was more clearly visible, es-
pecially the face, which turned toward
me, I saw to be that of a very beauti-
ful woman. Moreover, to my un-
speakable horror and dismay, I dis-
covered in its resemblance to my step-
mother, whom I had seen once, and
once only, as she lay dead within her
coffin. The sight was the more dis-
tressing to me inasmuch as the face
wore an expression of mournful sad-
ness combined with one of reproach.

Had the spirit of my father's wife re-
turned to earth to upbraid me for not
obeying the summons to her dying
bed?

A strangely commingled feeling of
awe and incredulity possessed me. Of
awe, inspired by the apparent pres-
ence of a being from another world;
of incredulity, that such a visitation
could be possible. In vain I closed
my eyes, pressing my hands upon them
to wipe out, as it were, the sight.

Whenever I opened them I saw the
beautiful, reproachful face, and it was
not until the early summer morning
dawned that it entirely disappeared,
and I rose from my bed sad at heart
and worn in body with the weary
vigil of the night. Twice more the
visitation came; after that for two or
three weeks the visits ceased; then
before I had been two months at Crow-
nest, all my vaunted courage fled; my
entire nature underwent a change.

Though I spoke of what I had seen to
no one, I was, nevertheless, sensitively
conscious that Mrs. Stevens re-
marked something amiss with me. I
was even morbidly fearful that she
had suspicion of the cause. I was
convinced of this one morning when
she said—not by any means unkindly:
"Justine tells me you have not been
sleeping well, Miss Northcote. In-
deed I am concerned to see how ill
you look. Do you find the cedar
chamber comfortable?"

"Perfectly comfortable, delightful!"
I would not change it for the world,"
I replied, evasively.

"Comfortable," and with that
haunting presence! Heaven forgive me
for the subtlety! As to Justine, she
was continually urging me to quit
what she termed "the villaia pays,"
attributing my depression to the cli-
mate, to the dull life I led, to any-
thing rather than to the true cause.

But at length her persistency, added
to beseeching letters from my guar-
dian, prevailed, and I returned to
Paris.

There I renewed my acquaintance
with Mr. Weston. It was impossible
to be blind to his feelings, his inten-
tions. Every word and look told me
that he loved me, and the day came
when he asked me to be his wife. To
his evident surprise, and to my own
inexpressible sorrow, I refused to
marry him. Could I join my life—a
haunted life—to that of the man I
loved with all my soul? True, I had
had no visitation from the beautiful,
reproachful face since I left Crow-
nest; but might it not return at any
time, at any hour? Oh, why had my
father's wife cast this blight upon my
life? Why did she haunt me? Was
it such a heinous crime not to have
gone in time to see her die?

Suddenly I became possessed with
a strange desire to revisit Crownest,
to see again the weird apparition that

had exercised so subtle an influence
on my life. With the persistent way-
wardness of a spoiled child I insisted on
going to Crownest. I insisted also
that no one but Justine should ac-
company me. My indulgent guar-
dian yielded to my wishes, and I went
but not once during my month's visit
did I see the haunting face. I be-
lieved that my persecution was ended.

On my return to Paris Mr. Weston
renewed his offer and I accepted him.
A few months of married happiness
effectually dispersed the cloud that
had overshadowed me.

My mind—warped, weakened, as it
had been by giving way to morbid
fancies—gained tone and vigor daily
by associating with my husband's,
which was eminently matter-of-fact
and practical. It was, therefore, with-
out the slightest foreboding of evil
that we set off for Dushshire to spend
the summer months at Crownest.

George was much pleased with the old
house; above all with the cedar cham-
ber, which I found—without any
orders to that effect—had been pre-
pared for us. It was late at night
when we arrived and there was no
time to alter the arrangements; be-
sides, there seemed no need, for I be-
lieved, as I have said, that I had
outlived my fears.

Both George and I were tired by our
journey, and on retiring to rest we
soon fell asleep. Towards morning I
awoke.

A stream of moonlight flooded the
chamber. As of old, the shadow of
the pear tree lay along the floor, dick-
ering in the night wind. I watched it
for a while, then—this shadow being
closely associated in my mind with
something else—I looked toward the
bay window, and could scarcely sup-
press a cry. There, in the old place,
between the gaslight and the moon-
light, appeared the face!

"George!" I whispered, trembling,
"wake! I feel so frightened."

"What is it, Nina? Have you seen
a ghost?" he inquired, lightly.

"Hush! Look there."

Rising himself upon his elbow he
obeyed.

"Why, there's a woman in the
room!" he exclaimed in the greatest
consternation. Then, after pausing a
few moments, he continued slowly and
deliberately, as though reading by a
bad light from a book. "N! It is
only an illusion—but what an illusion!
I seem to see most distinctly a beauti-
ful woman, her head turned this way,
supported by her hand. Her hair—a
brilliant auburn—hangs loose about her
shoulders. It is a handsome face, but
sorrowful."

"Stay! what are you about to do?"
I asked, as, rising, he made a quick
movement forward.

"To dispel the illusion, darling."

So saying he shook the curtain
violently.

"May all ghostly visitants be as
easily dispersed!" he continued, laugh-
ing, as the figure quivered, swayed,
became distorted, then, in a moment,
vanished.

"But what was it?"

"I will reproduce it and you shall
see."

He loosened the curtain and it fell to
the ground in the old folds and creases
as it was before. There, sure
enough, she was again.

"And is this what scared you on
your first visit here?" he inquired,
turning to me suddenly as though a
new light broke on him.

"Yes, I thought it was the spirit
of my stepmother. I imagined the
likeness, of course." Then, between
laughter and tears, I made full confes-
sion of all my superstitious folly.

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gated Mrs. Stevens. She expressed
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The Newport Mercury.

JOHN P. SANBORN, Editor and Proprietor.
SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1884.

The schooner John K. Shaw was wrecked last week off Long Branch and eight lives were lost.

A powder house exploded at Omaha, Neb., Wednesday and four boys were blown to pieces.

The school committee of Boston are opposed to the free text book bill now before the Massachusetts legislature.

Massachusetts legislators are past praying for, so they have voted to abolish the annual election sermon.

Judge Hilton has bought the Stewart building on Broadway and Chambers street, New York, for two million one hundred thousand dollars.

There is said to be an active fight going on in the District of Columbia to control the delegation of two to the Chicago convention. Logan is reported to have the inside track.

Hon. Levi P. Morton, our Minister to France, is now talked of as a candidate for the Vice Presidency if a Western man is nominated for President. No better man could be found.

They had a big snow storm in Vermont Tuesday when over a foot of snow fell, and a blizzard in Minnesota the same day. Here it was mild and foggy with a little snow towards night.

One of the lost on board the ill-fated City of Columbus proves to be Cornelius O'Leary, of Dover, N. H. A pocketbook of his was found near Gay Head. It is supposed that O'Leary was a fireman on the vessel.

There is to be a monument erected to the memory of the late William E. Dodge, one of the old merchants of New York. It is to be placed in the little park at Thirty-second street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue.

New York is moving towards high license and fewer liquor saloons. It is said that there are now 10,000 liquor saloons in New York and that the adoption of the bill now before the Assembly will reduce the number to 2,500. It will do it to give each a bill a trial.

The Bismarck party in Germany want Minister Sargent recalled. A California speculator, like Sargent, probably knows very little about diploma money and would doubtless be better fitted for selling a mine than he is for talking Dutch with old Bismarck.

It is now believed that Samuel More, the author of the Passion Play, who was found dead in the North river on Friday last, was murdered. He and McGivney, the business manager of the theatre, had come to blows that night, and McGivney knocked him down. The investigation is now being held.

Ex-Senator Cragin says New Hampshire is for Edmunds for President. He probably has not heard from the "Old Salt" of the navy yet, one Chandler by name. He is who says who the New Hampshire people want. Cragin better not venture on any prophecies till he has consulted the oracle.

Our state legislators having had a four days' rest commenced work Tuesday morning with renewed vigor. The Senate managed that day to get in one hour and twenty-seven minutes' work, an unusually long session, but the House took the prize as they worked three minutes longer.

The members of the United States House of Representatives are so ill-mannered as to smoke in the House when in session, and what is worse smoke cheap cigars, the high priced ones being sold to pages and lobbyists. This bad smoke reaches the galleries and makes it very disagreeable for the lady spectators.

John Bull expels the non-swearing Bradlaugh from his parliament because he will not take the iron-clad oath. Bradlaugh goes back to his constituents and they re-elect him by an increased majority. Up comes the gentleman as smiling as ever, but Johnnie says you can have no seat till you swear. This farce has now been carried on for several years. Each time the venerable gentleman is sent home his constituents send him back by a larger majority. John Bull will have to give in eventually and let Mr. Bradlaugh have his right.

George H. Fryer, a wealthy miner of Colorado, from whom the celebrated Fryer Hill at Leadville takes its name, died at the Windsor Hotel, Denver, Col., Monday evening. In the circumstances of his death there is a sensational story. Fryer came from Philadelphia to Colorado in 1861. He went to Leadville in 1878 and was the discoverer of the New Discovery mine on Fryer Hill. Here he made a rich strike, and began to build up his fortune. He was one of the men, like Governor Tabor, who were foremost in making Leadville, and he continued to prosper until two years ago, when he was worth nearly \$500,000. Since that time his fortune has been slipping away from him, though until recently he has not been regarded as a poor man. His most intimate friends say that he had not a dollar. Distracted by his circumstances, it is said, he took ten grains of morphine, which ended his life after several days of terrible suffering.

The Greely Expedition.

The question is often asked by those who do not keep fully posted with passing events, who is Greely and what are the particulars of his expedition, for the relief of which another expedition is to be sent to the North Pole. The following facts will answer those questions: Lieutenant Adolphus W. Gleason, of the Fifth United States Cavalry, acting Signal Officer, with Lieutenants Frederick F. Kieselburg and James B. Lockwood, and nineteen non-commissioned officers and men, were landed by the Proteus at Lady Franklin Bay and established at Discovery Harbor, one of the eleven polar stations which the leading governments of the world had agreed to maintain within the Arctic zone to make simultaneous scientific observations. The party was one of the best equipped that ever went north, and it had ample supplies for two years, while the region was found to be plentifully supplied with game. The supplies of the party were probably exhausted a year ago, unless made to last longer by the procuring of fish and game.

Lieut. Greely, the commander of the station, is a native of Massachusetts. He was a private in the Nineteenth Massachusetts Regiment during the war, enlisting in July, 1861. He attained the rank of Sergeant, and in March, 1863, was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Eighty-first Regiment, United States Colored Troops. In March, 1865, he was brevetted Major of Volunteers for faithful and meritorious services during the war, and the next month he was commissioned as Captain in his regiment. Mustered out in 1867 he was given a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army, and subsequently was promoted to a First Lieutenant.

The annual report of Commissioner Henry Staples of Rhode Island begins with the statement that, leaving the New York and New England out of the account, all the leading railroad corporations of the State show a very satisfactory business. The new track built during the year is six miles, and the number of passengers has increased 2,836,330. The merchandise transported is 698,977 tons less than in the preceding year. The eighteen corporations have a total capital of \$39,054,170 80, and an indebtedness of \$30,773,463 23. Their receipts were \$19,049,812 58; expenses, \$12,251,836 46; net earnings, \$1,689,974 34. They have a total net surplus of \$2,665,969 34. The passengers carried numbered 32,071,490; the tons of merchandise, 4,550,514. There are in the State 305.83 miles of track. A considerable, and very valuable, portion of the report is devoted to an explanation of an electric signal system in use by the Providence and Worcester Company, to which is added a complete history of their operation during the year.

It is now the time for the arithmetic man to come forward and figure up the next Presidential vote. The Herald man has already begun. He finds the following states with 153 electoral votes solid for the Republicans: Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin. The solid Democratic states according to the same authority will also cast 163 votes, and are as follows: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. This leaves as the doubtful states: New York, California, Indiana, New Jersey, Nevada and Ohio, with 93 electoral votes. From this list of "doubtful" states Ohio might as well be taken, for that state is as sure to cast a Republican vote as is Rhode Island. On the other hand Indiana is probably as solidly Democratic. After all the figuring the key state will be New York, and that state will be the great fighting ground in the next campaign.

Hon. W. H. Hunt, the United States Minister at the Court of St. Petersburg, died Wednesday after a somewhat extended illness. Minister Hunt was a Southerner by birth, having been born in Charleston, S. C., in 1824. He has been a resident of the South most of his life, residing a good part of the time in Louisiana. He was a staunch Unionist throughout the war and aided the Union cause in every way in his power. After the war he became a Republican, and in 1876 was elected Attorney General of Louisiana. In 1878 President Hayes appointed him to the Bench of the Court of Claims. He was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Garfield, and in 1882 was appointed Minister to Russia. His death was caused by dropsy, aggravated by chronic inflammation of the liver.

The attorney general of the state got severely rapped in the Senate Wednesday for running off on his own business and compelling the court to appoint an attorney general pro tem. at the expense of the state. It should be borne in mind that our attorney general is ornamental rather than useful.

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Some years ago, in Georgia, that band of Christians known as Ascensionists were having a grand revival. One day when the meeting was in full force a storm came up, and a young gentleman who was out hunting with his servant took refuge in the church door. Being curious to see the service, the two hunters crept up into the gallery, and there hid in a place where they could observe without being observed.

"Come, Lord, come; our robes are ready. Come, Lord, come," cried the preacher, while all present gave a loud "Amen."

"Marsa Gab," whispered Cuffy, lifting his hunting-horn to his mouth, "let me gib dem jist one too."

"Put that horn down, or I'll break your head," replied the master, in a whisper.

The horn dropped by Cuffy's side, and again the minister cried: "Come, Lord, come; we are all ready for thy coming. Come, Lord, come."

"Do, Marsa Gab—do jist lemme gib 'em jist one little too!" pleaded Cuffy, wetting his lips and raising the horn.

"If you don't drop that horn, Cuffy, I'll whip you within an inch of your life," whispered the exasperated master.

"Blow, Gabriel, blow; we are ready for his coming. Blow, Gabriel, blow," pleaded the minister.

Cuffy could no longer resist the temptation, and sent a wild peal ringing from end to end of the church; but long before its last echo died away his master and himself were the only occupants of the building.

"It's ready for de licking, Marsa Gab," said Cuffy, showing every tooth in his head, "for I 'clare to gracious it's woff two lickings to see de way common farm cattle kin gib ober de ground wid skeered 'Scen slouists behind dem."

Our stock of knowledge of the animal kingdom is increasing very rapidly. The number of mammals is now estimated at about 1200, of birds 7500, of reptiles 2000, and of fishes 10,000—making a total of about 20,000 belonging to the higher classes. Near the close of the seventeenth century these groups of animals—now known as vertebrates—were thought to include a total of about 1600 species. As naturalists have become familiar with the invertebrates their list of those creatures have become enormous. Of beetles alone the museums of the world contain over 100,000 species, while the best estimates place the total number of distinct forms of insects at more than 500,000. The whole animal kingdom is believed to embrace about 1,000,000 species.

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NEWPORT COUNTY NEWS.

PORTSMOUTH.

Town Affairs.—An adjourned session of the Town Council was held in the Town Clerk's office on Monday evening Feb. 18th, all the members present. The report of the committee on Ferry Neck road was received, approved, and ordered recorded. The committee having failed to agree with the abutters on said road, as to the amount to be paid for land taken for said road, the appraisal of said lands therefore devolved upon the council and they awarded as follows, viz., Benjamin Greene \$34, Thomas B. and David Buffum \$100.

A reward of \$50 was offered for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who set fire to Thomas B. and David Buffum's hay stack Feb. 5th.

Court of Probate.—Arthur L. Borden was appointed administrator on the estate of John Borden, dec'd., and James Manning Sisson, Elijah B. Sherman and Frederick M. Sherman were appointed appraisers thereon.

Robert L. Thurston was appointed administrator on the estate of his late wife Harriet G. Thurston deceased Bond \$100, with Lewis J. Thurston surety.

A certified copy of the will of the late George A. Crocker of Taunton, Mass., deceased, which will operates upon certain real estate in this town, was presented by Joseph E. Wilbur, administrator, with the will annexed on the estate of the late Samuel L. Crocker, praying that the same be recorded upon the probate records of this town, and it was so ordered.

An inventory of the estate of John Borden, deceased, was received and ordered recorded; and the administrator was granted liberty to sell the same at private sale.

A petition of Abbey E. Greene, widow of the late Henry F. Greene, praying for dower of real estate to be set off was received and referred with an order of notice.

EDUCATIONAL.—The public schools of this town commenced their spring term, of six weeks, last Monday morning. In district No. 2, Miss Hannah C. Collins has been succeeded, we understand, by her sister; in No. 6, Miss Minnie Potter, by Mr. John Hamby.

It is reported that the Rev. Benjamin H. Chase, for many years rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Newtown, is to shortly hand in his resignation, to take effect April 13th. Mr. Chase proposes to remove to Swansea. He will be greatly missed by his parish and citizens generally.

BLOCK ISLAND.

By order of the Block Island Town Council an outlet has been made in the Great Salt pond, which has resulted in lowering the water four or five feet. The gathering of seaweed keeps some of the farmers busy all the time. The shore of the island is divided into small portions, to which each man has the exclusive right. There is also a public beach, where any one who will may gather. The quantity obtained every year is enormous. The annual crop is estimated at twenty thousand dollars. In a single year the quantity gathered was estimated at six thousand cords, or over ten thousand single cartloads, and each load has a value of about two dollars. The weed is spread on the land broadcast, or put in heaps, where it undergoes decomposition, and is used as a manure when the crops are planted. The largest quantities of seaweed come ashore after storms. In the loads that come up from the beach, large quantities of kelp or ribbon-weed are seen, together with rock-weed, Iceland moss and the ordinary sea grass. A mixture of all kinds is thought superior to any one alone. Excellent yields of corn are had where no other manure is used, showing that all the elements needed are contained in it.

Atlantic Lodge of Free Masons held their first ball on Thursday evening of last week. It was a very fine entertainment. It was given at the Union House. Mr. L. Ball and wife furnished the supper. It was one of the finest suppers ever served on the island. There were over one hundred people present. Mr. Caswell and Mr. Hadly entertained the company with some fine singing. Remarks were made by several of the company. Mr. Ervan Ball, who had been absent from the island five years, returned that day and was received as the prodigal son by the company, who accorded him a cordial welcome. The party broke up at about five A. M.

TIVERTON.

High winds the past week have blown down many of the telegraph poles belonging to the line running to Seconnet Point. A shed belonging to E. Brightman was blown over and a hen house belonging to William Durfee, was rolled a long distance by the gale. The house of Mrs. Susan M. Horton, in the back part of the town, was burned Monday. Most of the personal property was saved. Mrs. Horton at last accounts has not been heard from. Rumors say that she had been gone from home for three or four days and that the rescuers found her clothing saturated with kerosene oil, while other accounts say that she went to Fall River that morning with her brother, Mr. Frank Macomber, leaving a fire in the store, and that the fire caught in the attic and had burned through before discovered. But all accounts agree that Mrs. H. has not yet returned, and no one knows where she is.

NEW ENGLAND ITEMS.

RHODE ISLAND.

William Whitlur, mate of schooner Carrie S. Hart, unloading coal at Providence, had a severe fall from the rigging on Saturday, breaking his left arm and fracturing his skull, and the physicians give no hope of recovery. He is at the Rhode Island Hospital. He is 23

years old, unmarried, and has a father and mother living at Mount Vernon, Me., also a sister at Orono, Me. The assessed valuation of the town of South Kingston averages \$950 to each inhabitant, of North Kingston \$900, and of Westerly \$700.

The keel of a new freight steamer for the Stonington line has been laid at Noank. The keel is 275 feet long. The frame for the Casino building at Narragansett Pier has been raised. The main building, including the piazzas, is 158 by 62 feet, and there is a wing 96 by 40 feet.

Rev. F. H. Peckham of Carolina, R. I., has accepted a call from the F. W. Baptist Church at Great Falls.

Hog cholera is epidemic in the vicinity of Woonsocket.

MAINE.

A lot of land at Bar Harbor which was sold for \$900 five years ago will now bring \$10,000.

Great anxiety is felt for the safety of the ship Bombay of Bath, from New York to New Orleans, forty-three days out. Captain Peterson had his wife, a daughter of Captain Bradford Fairdon of Bath, with him.

VERMONT.

A sleigh load of twenty-five school children tipped over at Burlington, Vt., yesterday, and the driver, Sidney E. Johnson, of Winooski, was so dangerously injured that recovery is doubtful. Several of the children were hurt, but none dangerously.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord is trying to raise money to build a big shoe factory, and a Manchester paper says that is just what the city needs, that it has now too many people whose only business is cutting of their coupons and speculating with their incomes. It adds that in six months Concord has lost \$600,000 in mining stocks alone, one man with a fine reputation for shrewdness, being bitten for \$70,000.

A correspondent writes from the Glen House as follows: On Sunday last three ladies and gentlemen started from here and walked to the summit of Mt. Washington, where they partook of a dinner at the invitation of the signal-service officers, who seemed very glad to see visitors, and then, having fashioned a sled out of barrel staves, coasted nearly to the Glen House, which is situated at the mountain's base.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mr. George W. Curtis will deliver the eulogy on Wendell Phillips on April 16, at Boston.

New Bedford has an opposition street railway company, just formed, with a capital of \$100,000, which asks permission to lay tracks.

The striking weavers in two of the Pocomet mills, Fall River, returned to work Tuesday morning. The third mill started at noon. The other mills are gaining. The Border City and Sagamore mills are running nearly full. A large part of the Pocomet mill is running, and more help are reported at the Wumpuog, Union and Chase than at any time since the strike began.

At a meeting of the creditors of Charles Emerson, boot and shoe manufacturer, of Stoneham, Mass., his liabilities were stated as \$80,500; assets \$14,100. Mr. Emerson offered forty cents on the dollar, which will probably be accepted, the matter being left for the decision of the investigating committee.

CONNECTICUT.

A conference was held last week between the mayor and other officers of New London and officers of the New York, Providence and Boston, the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and the New London and Northern Railroads, in relation to an approach to the proposed railroad bridge across the Thames river. An approach was agreed upon, which will be submitted to the railroad commissioners. A large union depot will be erected on the site of the present structure.

"I once," says London Truth, "came across an aged physician at New London, to the United States. I asked him why he lived there. He said that he had visited graveyards in all parts of the world and noted the average age at death. Having found that this average was highest in New London, and being desirous of inhabiting this planet as long as possible, he had taken up his abode there."

The famous old Connecticut blue laws came up in the House Thursday on reports from the judiciary committee. A bill abolishing the law prohibiting "recreation" on Sunday was defeated, the opposition crying out against the continental Sunday, and pleading for the old New England Sabbath.

The American Yacht Club of New York, has purchased Charles Island, off Millford, which has an area of thirty acres. Sixty thousand dollars has been expended on improvements to the previous owners, and \$15,000 more will be expended by the club on a three-story hotel, which will be made into an elaborate club house. The house and buildings will be ready for occupancy on May 15.

Connecticut had last year 149,466 children. 121,492 of whom were registered in the schools, over 81 per cent. Of the 17,974 who did not attend school 19,258 were under eight years old. The money spent for schools in the state averages \$22 a child. There are 168 districts in the state which have less than eight pupils each, where the cost averages \$80 a child. The gain in the school population for ten years is 21,774. There are 166 towns, and 87 lost school population instead of gaining. The receipts from the school fund last year were \$11,096, the towns being paid 75 cents for each scholar. The fund has probably reached its maximum and will decline hereafter.

The Rev. Phillips Brooks's rapid style of delivery is spoken of in the following manner by Prof. David Selig: "He is 'The Lightning Preacher,' but it is summer lightning without thunder. He raises his chin to the degree of a canary bird in its best song and lets loose the words of a long sermon, the audience trying to catch what coins they can from the generous flinger. It was like dashing along on an express train in England; a hundred times we wanted to stop and examine the field or wall of ivy, but we were in a compartment and the train was limited."

A paper tells of a man who was complaining that he had invented a rather large sum of money in Wall street, and had lost all. A sympathizing friend asked him whether he had been a "bull" or a "bear." He replied, "Neither; I was a donkey."

His Affection.

He is a young doctor and she is a Vassar graduate. Last Thursday evening he said to her: "Do you know, dear, I have a heart affection for you?"

"Have you had it long?" she coyly inquired.

"Oh, yes; I feel that I will never trouble life with you," he fervently responded.

"Then you had better asthma," she softly murmured.

Then he hugged her so hard he had to reset her collar bone.

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1 Sat.	21	5	37	10	23	10	11	63	40
2 Sun.	22	6	38	11	24	11	12	64	41
3 Mon.	23	7	39	12	25	12	13	65	42
4 Tues.	24	8	40	13	26	13	14	66	43
5 Wed.	25	9	41	14	27	14	15	67	44
6 Thurs.	26	10	42	15	28	15	16	68	45
7 Fri.	27	11	43	16	29	16	17	69	46

First Quarter, 10th day, 8h. 30m. morning.

Full Moon, 11th day, 2h. 43m. morning.

Last Quarter, 12th day, 10h. 16m. evening.

New Moon, 27th day, 10h. 50m. morning.

Married.

In this city, 21st instant, by Rev. Joseph Hollingshead, Fred U. Gillingham and Miss Julia P. Peckham, both of this city.

In this city, 20th instant, at Tuoro Chapel parsonage, by Rev. F. A. Cooper, William Stanley Beams and Eleonora V. Jones, both of this city.

In Providence, by Rev. Mr. Caldwell, Frank A. Peckham, of this city, to Miss Sadie F. McNamee, of Providence.

In Little Compton, 24th instant, by Rev. W. D. Hart, David J. Briggs, of Little Compton, to Miss Carrie W. Teachman, of Westport.

In Little Compton, 26th instant, at the residence of the bridegroom, Banajah A. Burden to Mrs. Hannah Worrell, of Westport.

In Providence, 14th inst., Walter M. Oatley and Miss Sarah E. Watson, all of Providence.

Died.

In this city, 28th inst., Mrs. Ann M., wife of Alfred Smith, in the fifth year of her age. The funeral will take place from Channing Memorial Church tomorrow (Sunday), afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are cordially invited.

In this city, 29th instant, Harriet N. Angell, daughter of John H. and Lydia Watson, aged 65 years.

Funeral from her late residence, 31 Howard street, on Monday afternoon, March 3d, at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial at option of the family.

In this city, 29th instant, Emily Louise, wife of Leonard Thomas, aged 34 years.

In this city, 23d instant, Nicholas Meyer, aged 75 years.

In Boston, 24th instant, Theodore Almy, of this city, aged 33 years.

In Middletown, 24th instant, Mary Jane, widow of James Bowler, deceased, aged 71 years.

In Providence, 23d instant, Hannah B., widow of the late Wm. B. Bowen, aged 76; 25th, Della Ann Sampson, aged 83; 24th, Joseph I. Lester, aged 47; 24th, Annie M. Eaton, aged 27; 25th, Phoebe A. West, aged 62; 26th, James M. Jordan, aged 33; 26th, Rufus Durfee, aged 74; 27th, Mrs. Ann Curry, aged 79; 27th, Jennie Brue, aged 62; 27th, Thomas McHugh, aged 52.

New Advertisements.

ISLAND CEMETERY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Island Cemetery will be held at the State House Monday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock.

H. C. STEVENS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

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ALPHONZO PERRY,
Block Island, R. I.

Executor's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER having been appointed executor of the last will and testament of JULIA R. BLIVEN, late of Newport, deceased, and having been qualified according to law, requests all persons having demands to present them, and all indebted to me to pay to him. BENJAMIN BLIVEN, Executor.

Court of Probate, City of Newport, February 25, 1884.

ON THE PETITION of

Richard Linton and John A. Linton, presented this day, representing that they now reside in Newport, and are minors over the age of 14 years, to wit, of the age of 19 years, and if years respectively, they have chosen Prescott Baker, of said Newport, to be their guardian; and praying this court to appoint the said guardian so chosen by them.

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be deferred to Monday, the 17th day of March, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by publishing a copy of this decree, in the Newport Mercury, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

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